

## Minutes of IEEE REGION 3 ExCom E-Conference

12 January 2009

**Attendees:** Eric Ackerman\*, Jim Beall, Tim Bigelow\*, William Clayton\*, Jim Conrad\*, Pat Donohoe, Bob Duggan, Joey Duvall, Wah Garris, David G. Green\*, Roy Harris, Charles E. Hickman\*, Don Hill\*, Keith Jodus\*, William LaBelle, George McClure\*, Dave McLaren, John Parr\*, Mary Ellen Randall\*, William B. Ratcliff (chair)\*, Richard L. Riddle\*, Susan Ronning, Wilfred Roberts\*, Courtney Spivey, Lee Stogner\*, Bill Tiedemann, Gregg Vaughn, Bruce Walcott (\* → voting members)

David Green, serving as facilitator as requested by Director Ratcliff, convened the ExCom at 9:00 pm Eastern. Director Ratcliff welcomed everyone to the IRC and teleconference and thanked them for their participation

The ExCom approved agenda with added Life Member discussion item and the following items on the consent agenda:

- Receiving the reports listed in the Information Agenda
- Approved the minutes of 8 December 2008 ExCom Teleconference
- Receiving the 2009 ExCom and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments

Director Ratcliff reviewed his report. He announced that the ExCom would meet:

- January 12
- February 23
- May 4
- July 13
- September 14
- November 30

He reviewed the ExCom appointments and Ad Hoc Committee appointments for 2009. They are noted linked as the Roster to the meeting. He anticipates that some changes to Region 3 Operations Manual will be suggested. He noted that Section/Chapter Governance Ad Hoc Committee that was being established to guide Region 3 in realigning its Sections and Chapters with the direction of MGA. He announced the formation of a Technical Liaison Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Hal Flescher, Tom Habetler, and Grayson Randall. He reviewed other assignments including Co-Chairs, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurers.

Director-Elect Stogner reviewed his report and gave his thoughts on the Ad Hoc Committee on the Economic Downturn in the southeast. He solicited everyone's input and requested interested volunteers contact him. He also reviewed recent information membership development.

Past Director George McClure reviewed his report and volunteered to help Lee Stogner on the Economic Downturn Ad Hoc Committee.

### Action Agenda

Treasurer Hickman reviewed the proposed budget noting that several 2009 revenue items. The budget was amended to include an additional \$300

### Discussion Agenda

Conference Committee Don Hill reviewed the status of SoutheastCon 2009 that will be held 6-8 March 2009 in Atlanta, GA. He urged everyone to register for conference and to make hotel reservations. He noted that there were issues related to availability of LCD projectors. Eric Ackerman reviewed communications to the Student Branches and associated deadlines. The deadlines are a month sooner this year. Director Ratcliff urged the Area/Council Chairs urge their section chairs to attend the meeting.

Lee Stogner asked for volunteers to help on the ad hoc committee about the economic downturn and its impact on Region 3.

Life Member Coordinator Dave McLaren requested that sections report Life Member activity in their section in their next report. Area/Council Chairs are urged to ask Section Chairs to include this in their report. Director Ratcliff and Secretary Green will add this request to the report guidelines for the meeting.

In Executive Session, the ExCom approved the following awards that will be given at SoutheastCon 2009:

Region 3 Outstanding Service Award – Dr. G. Thomas Bellarmine

Joseph M. Bidenbach Outstanding Engineering Educator Award – Dr. Paul Schnitzler

Outstanding Engineer Award – Grayson Randall

Daniel W. Jackson Award – Richard Riddle

Note that Awards Chair Mary Ellen Randall excused herself from the discussion and vote on the Region 3 Outstanding Engineer.

At this time, David Green and Eric Ackerman left the meeting.

N&A Chair George McClure reported that N&A was nominating Dr. Eric Ackerman and Prof. David Green as candidates for 2010-11 Delegate/Director-Elect. The ExCom voted in Executive Session to recommend these two candidates to the Region Committee.

Director Ratcliff announced that the next ExCom meeting would be 23 February 2009 at 9 – 11pm EST. He thanked everyone for their participation and noted that IEEE had the opportunity to significantly contribute to the member, the profession, and the common good of humanity.

Having completed its business, Director Ratcliff adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David Green  
Secretary